

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1311, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning health.
- 3 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.
- 4 Page 2, delete lines 1 through 32.
- 5 Page 2, line 33, delete "Sec. 11.", begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 6 "SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".
- 7 Page 2, line 33, after "(a)" insert **"As used in this SECTION,**
- 8 **"commission" refers to the health finance commission established**
- 9 **by IC 2-5-23-3.**
- 10 **(b)".**
- 11 Page 2, line 33, delete "shall create" and insert **"of family and**
- 12 **social services, the department of education, and the state**
- 13 **department of health shall study the need for".**
- 14 Page 2, delete lines 37 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 15 insert:
- 16 **"(c) The following information must be studied by the agencies**
- 17 **described in subsection (b) before September 1, 2009:**
- 18 **(1) The number of children in Indiana who are hearing**
- 19 **impaired, and the number of children whose hearing loss rises**
- 20 **to the level of need for a hearing aid.**
- 21 **(2) The number of children who:**

- 1 **(A) own a working hearing aid;**
 - 2 **(B) have a hearing aid that is not functioning properly; and**
 - 3 **(C) are hearing impaired to the level of needing a hearing**
 - 4 **aid and do not own a hearing aid.**
 - 5 **(3) The assistance available for children who are hearing**
 - 6 **impaired.**
 - 7 **(4) The average cost of hearing aids for children.**
 - 8 **(5) The benefits children receive in using a hearing aid.**
 - 9 **(6) The proper agency to administer a hearing aid assistance**
 - 10 **program and a hearing aid refurbishing program.**
 - 11 **(7) Any other information an agency in subsection (b) deems**
 - 12 **relevant to the issue of children who are hearing impaired.**
 - 13 **The agencies must consult with experts in this area in performing**
 - 14 **the study.**
 - 15 **(d) Upon completion of the study, the agencies described in**
 - 16 **subsection (b) shall report the findings to the commission.**
 - 17 **(e) The commission shall review and study the agencies' findings**
 - 18 **during the 2009 interim.**
 - 19 **(f) This SECTION expires December 31, 2009."**
 - 20 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to HB 1311 as reprinted February 24, 2009.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

Senator Miller, Chairperson